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SUBJECT:MORNING SUMMARY

FOR CHRISTOPHER ONLY

THE FOLLOWING IS A SPECIAL TELEGRAPHIC VERSION OF THE
MORNING SUMMARY.

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SOVIET PRESS: NO NAMES, PLEASE

EMBASSY MOSCOW REPORTS THAT DESPITE ITS CONTINUING CAM-
PAIGN AGAINST WESTERN INTERVENTION IN SOVIET INTERNAL
AFFAIRS, THE SOVIET PRESS IS APPARENTLY UNDER INSTRU-
TION NOT TO CRITICIZE PRESIDENT CARTER OR THE CARTER

ADMINISTRATION BY NAME. A SENIOR MFA OFFICIAL TOLD A BRITISH DIPLOMAT THE SOVIETS:

--HOPE THE PUBLIC FUROR OVER HUMAN RIGHTS WILL DIE DOWN SO THAT "QUIET DIPLOMACY" CAN RESUME; AND

--DO NOT WISH TO LINK THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE WITH PROGRESS ON MAJOR AGENDA ITEMS, BUT BELIEVE SENSATIONAL US MEDIA ATTENTION COULD HINDER THE USG'S ABILITY TO PROCEED ON ARMS CONTROL.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE SOVIET PRESS IS LIKELY TO MOVE TO DIRECT CRITICISM ONLY IF THERE IS A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT TO WHICH THE SOVIETS FEEL THEY MUST RESPOND. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER THE PRESIDENT'S MEETING WITH BUKOVSKY IS PERCEIVED AS SUCH A DEVELOPMENT.

JORDAN/PLO TALKS IN AMMAN

PRIME MINISTER BADRAN REVIEWED HIS RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PLO FOR AMBASSADOR PICKERING ON FEBRUARY 26. BADRAN SAID HE BRIEFED THE PLO "SELECTIVELY" ON RECENT FOREIGN VISITORS TO AMMAN, INCLUDING THE SECRETARY. HE DESCRIBED THE PLO'S MAIN REQUESTS DURING THE MEETING (AND JORDANIAN REPLIES) AS FOLLOWS:

--A MEETING OF EGYPT, SYRIA, JORDAN AND THE PLO TO WORK OUT RELATIONSHIPS AMONG THEM. (YES.)

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--FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR WEST BANK PALESTINIANS. (NO.)

--MILITARY SUPPORT FOR WEST BANK PALESTINIANS. (NO.)

--RELEASE OF PALESTINIAN DETAINEES FROM JORDANIAN PRISONS. (NO.)

--A MEETING BETWEEN KING HUSSEIN AND ARAFAT BEFORE THE MARCH 6 CAIRO SUMMIT. (NOT BEFORE, BUT DURING.)

BADRAN ADDED THAT JORDAN TOLD THE PLO IT STILL SUPPORTS THE 1972 PROPOSAL FOR A WEST BANK/GAZA/JORDAN CONFEDERATION, AND ASKED FOR A PLO RESPONSE.

THREE VIEWS OF NORTHEAST AFRICA

IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM THE DEPARTMENT, EMBASSIES MONROVIA, LUSAKA AND DAR ES SALAAM HAVE ANALYZED THEIR COUNTRIES' VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE HORN OF AFRICA.

A. LIBERIA: ALARM OVER ETHIOPIA

THE GOL VIEWS THE SITUATION IN THE HORN WITH ALARM, AND IS WORRIED BY THE SOVIETS' ATTEMPTS TO EXPAND THEIR INFLUENCE THERE. IT IS OPPOSED TO THE MENGISTU REGIME, BUT STILL SUPPORTS THE ETHIOPIAN POSITION ON DJIBOUTI AND WOULD LIKE THE US TO MAINTAIN SUPPORT TO ADDIS ABABA ON CONDITION THAT IT MODIFY ITS POLICIES.

B. ZAMBIA: TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY

MFA PERMANENT SECRETARY NGONDA TOLD AMBASSADOR LOW THAT ZAMBIA'S POLICY IN NORTHEAST AFRICA WAS GUIDED BY CONCERN FOR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. HE SAID THE GRZ DID NOT SUPPORT THE ERITREAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT, WOULD NOT CHOOSE BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND THE SUDAN, AND FAVORED AN
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INDEPENDENT DJIBOUTI WITH GUARANTEES FROM BOTH SOMALIA AND ETHIOPIA THAT THEY WOULD RESPECT ITS SOVEREIGNTY.

C. TANZANIA: SUPPORT FOR MENGISTU

AMBASSADOR SPAIN REPORTS THAT TANZANIA:

--WISHES TO AVOID CHOOSING BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA OR THE SUDAN, BUT HAS LITTLE SYMPATHY FOR SOMALIA'S DJIBOUTI CLAIMS; AND

--WELCOMES ETHIOPIA'S REVOLUTIONARY REGIME AND DOES NOT WISH TO SEE THE COUNTRY'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY DESTROYED.

FRANCO-ISRAELI RELATIONS BACK ON EVEN KEEL

AN ISRAELI EMBASSY OFFICER TOLD EMBASSY PARIS THAT FRANCO-ISRAELI RELATIONS HAVE RETURNED TO THE SITUATION PREVAILING BEFORE THE ABU DAOUD AFFAIR. HE SAID AMBASSADOR GAZIT'S MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD AND FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD RESULTED IN AGREEMENT TO CLOSE THE BOOK ON THE MATTER. HOWEVER, HE SAID THE GOI REFUSED A FRENCH REQUEST FOR A VISIT BY DE GUIRINGAUD TO ISRAEL ON FEBRUARY 26 OUT OF FEAR THAT ISRAELI PUBLIC OPINION WOULD NOT YET BE READY TO ACCEPT HIM, AND REMAINS CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE DEMONSTRATIONS WHEN HE DOES COME IN LATE MARCH.

ADEN: TO RECOGNIZE OR NOT TO RECOGNIZE

AMBASSADOR PORTER HAS EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT

AMBASSADOR SCOTES' RECOMMENDATION THAT, HOWEVER OB-
NOXIOUS THE ADEN REGIME, THE TIME HAS COME TO RENEW
RELATIONS WITH THE PDRY. AMBASSADOR PORTER ARGUES THAT
RECOGNITION IS THE ONLY CARD WE HAVE TO PLAY, AND THAT
ONCE WE PLAY IT WE WILL HAVE LITTLE LEVERAGE LEFT OVER
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THE PDRY -- UNLIKE THE SAUDIS, WHO CAN CONTINUE TO HOLD
OUT THE PROMISE OF MASSIVE AID. HE BELIEVES WE CANNOT
EXPECT THE PDRY TO REORIENT ITS POLITICS, AND WOULD
GAIN LITTLE BY AID EXCEPT TO "PRODUCE STRONG, HEALTHY
COMMUNISTS IN THE PLACE OF THE PRESENT UNDERNOURISHED
ONES." WE WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE, HE SUGGESTS, BY
WAITING LONGER.

NAIM LEERY OF SOVIETS, PLEADS FOR AID

ON FEBRUARY 26 AMBASSADOR ELIOT CALLED ON MOHAMMED NAIM,
PRINCIPAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISER AND BROTHER OF
AFGHANISTAN'S PRESIDENT DAOUD. NAIM, WHO MET WITH
BREZHNEV LAST MONTH IN MOSCOW, TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT
BREZHNEV HAD OFFERED A NEW ASSISTANCE PACKAGE AND DENIED
THAT THE SOVIETS ARE SUPPORTING ANTI-REGIME ACTIVITIES
IN AFGHANISTAN. NAIM SAID HE DOUBTED BREZHNEV'S WORD,
AND EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT NEW SOVIET AID WOULD SIMPLY
MEAN MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUBVERSION. HE CONCLUDED
THAT AFGHANISTAN WOULD BE UNABLE TO RESIST SOVIET IN-
FLUENCE WITHOUT THE HELP OF THE UNITED STATES.

AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: WHILE THE ARGUMENTS NAIM USES
PROVIDE JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUESTING US ASSISTANCE,
WE HAVE HEARD HIM SING THIS SONG BEFORE. THIS IS NOT TO
SAY THAT A DEEPLY-FELT AFGHAN DESIRE FOR OUR SUPPORT IS
LACKING OR THAT NAIM'S VIEWS DO NOT REFLECT DAOUD'S.
I SEE NO REASON, HOWEVER, FOR US TO DO ANYTHING DIFFER-
ENTLY HERE FOR THE TIME BEING.
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